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PCs investigate nomination race over bribery allegation

Edmonton-Ellerslie.

Sworn statements
allege incumbent tried
to induce challenger's
supporters to
undermine candidacy

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Metro in Calgary and Edmonton

The Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PCAA) is investigating irregularities in the nomination process of an Edmonton constituency amid allegations that the incumbent MLA attempted to mislead a challenger's supporters and offer a bribe through a proxy in order to undermine the challenger's campaign.

On Monday, Metro confirmed an ongoing probe by the PCAA into the nomination process in Edmonton-Ellerslie, currently held by

Naresh Bhardwaj.

Metro made repeated attempts to contact Bhardwaj, the associate minister for persons with disabilities, including asking him in person at the Alberta Legislature Wednesday to respond and supplying him with a written list of questions regarding the allegations, but he would only say: "I think anything related to the nomination should be directed to Kelley Charlebois." Charlebois is the PC party's executive director.

The allegations against Bhardwaj stem from Edmonton-Ellerslie challenger Balraj Manhas' claim that he was called just days before the Feb. 21 nomination ballot and told by riding committee representatives to withdraw or be publicly disqualified on the basis that his nomination papers were invalid.

Metro has spoken to two of Manhas' supporters and received copies of their notarized statements. They



Edmonton-Ellerslie PC MLA Naresh Bhardwaj. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

claim Bhardwaj or others acting on his behalf attempted to have them sign pre-drafted affidavits claiming their names had improperly appeared on the challenger's nomination papers.

In one instance, Balbir Sidhu claims he was offered a \$10,000 bribe paid either

in Canada or in India by others working on Bhardwaj's behalf in exchange for claiming his signature and those of other family members should not have been on Manhas' papers.

Sidhu said he outright refused.

"I thought, 'Why would

he do this?'" Sidhu said in an interview Tuesday. "Whatever the public wants for this area is supposed to be what happens."

Bhardwaj remained in a nearby car while the conversation with the proxy took place, Sidhu said.

In the other instance, Bilal Ali claims his family was approached late at night by three men, including Bhardwaj, and told to sign a document that he initially believed was to confirm their support for Manhas. It was only later, Ali said Tuesday, that he realized his signature was being used to run Manhas out of the race.

Ali said in an interview that three other members of his family had also supported Manhas and all signed the document allegedly offered by Bhardwaj.

None of the aforementioned allegations have been proven.

PC party representatives refused to delve into the spe-

cifics of their ongoing investigation Tuesday and again Wednesday, even after being informed of Metro's possession of the documents.

A spokesperson said Wednesday the party "confirms that there are many layers to this investigation" but declined to speak in further detail.

Instead, the party referred to comments made Monday when Metro first reported about potential issues with the nomination race.

At that time, Charlebois would only say that the party was looking into the race.

"The whole matter is still considered under review by the party," he said.

Sidhu, meanwhile, said he hopes for a fulsome investigation.

In his sworn statement, he directly addressed Premier Jim Prentice.

"For God Sake Jim, please save Alberta from such corrupt inducements or bribes," Sidhu wrote.



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Health. MLA calling for mandatory vaccinations

Amid lingering fears of another measles outbreak, the interim leader of Alberta's Liberal Party is calling for mandatory vaccinations for children who are attending school.

David Swann, MLA for Calgary-Mountain View, made the call for such rules directly to Education Minister Gordon Dirks and Health Minister Stephen Mandel during the legislature session Wednesday.

He noted in an interview afterwards that three Canadian provinces and all 50 U.S. states have already made vaccination records mandatory for kids attending public schools.

"It's a growing trend where people seem to be concerned about the safety of vaccines and not concerned about the disease ... we're getting more and more outbreaks," he said, noting there are potentially fatal consequences as well "tremendous costs" when widespread cases of measles and other diseases are seen.

Alberta did declare a full-fledged measles outbreak last year and a similar scenario has played out in California more recently.

An Angus Reid poll published in February found parents support mandatory vaccinations for school children by a ratio of four to one.

In a statement Wednesday, Dirks said he's "strongly supportive" of vaccinations, but added there are no current plans to make school enrolment conditional on a children receiving their shots.

"I may want to have discussions about this with school boards some time in the future," he said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Kirsty McGowan, the incoming vice-president of student life at the University of Calgary, has plans to introduce a nap room on campus this fall. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Student rep makes a blanket statement

Education. U of C's incoming VP of student life to introduce nap rooms for those feeling bleary-eyed on campus



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Pillow talk was all the rage during recently wrapped student elections at the University of Calgary — but it's not what you think.

Kirsty McGowan, soon to take the role of vice-president of student life at the campus students' union, said she'd noticed a lot of weary-eyed peers over her past four years of doing a double degree in English and communications.

"A lot of students talk about how little sleep they got the night before and wear it kind of like a medal, and I thought, 'Hey, that's probably not good,'" she said.

McGowan began investigating potential remedies ahead of her vice-president campaign and settled on a cosy option already adopted by a number of institutions south of the border, as well as big-name companies like Google — nap rooms.

This November, the That Empty Space room on campus will be filled with mattresses and pillows and students will be invited to stop in for a 30-50-minute snooze. McGowan has already consulted about the offering with student representatives at Ontario's Brock University, which hosts nap and puppy rooms as part of its annual Wellness Week.

Rooms filled with furry friends was a concept introduced at U of C by one of McGowan's predecessors, Ben Cannon, and is largely credited with helping steer him into the student-life role during 2013 elections.

There is a long line of students detailing the importance of naps and the positive benefits to people's mental well-being. A recent offering from the

Decartes University in Paris found just 30 minutes of mid-day shut-eye can mitigate the negative hormonal impact of an entire night of tossing and turning.

Debbie Bruckner, director of the U of C's Wellness Centre, said a 2013 health assessment conducted on campus found 45 per cent of students identify feelings of sleepiness as a problem during the day. With that in mind, she said the centre would likely vouch for McGowan's nap room.

"We know that there are a number of benefits to sleeping well and looking into ways to improve student sleep would certainly be something we'd support," Bruckner said.

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Housing. MLA to province: Legalize secondary suites

Calgary took another step toward creating a secondary-suite registry Wednesday while a Calgary MLA called on the Alberta government to act on the broader issue of legalizing the controversial dwellings across the city in the absence of action from council.

Calgary councillors endorsed a plan create an official registry and "safe suite sticker" that city inspectors would affix to rental units, to make them easily identifiable as legal to prospective tenants.

The proposal is also aimed at encouraging landlords to upgrade questionable suites through an 18-month grace period where the need for development permits would be waived, thereby reducing the administrative time from weeks to an hour or less.

This would apply only in

areas currently zoned to permit secondary suites, however, and Calgary-Buffalo Liberal MLA Kent Hehr said he's frustrated with the Calgary council's continued reluctance to permit suites citywide, as is the case in most Canadian municipalities.

Hehr said he plans to introduce a largely "symbolic" motion in the Alberta legislature calling on the provincial government "to introduce legislation for the creation of secondary suites in detached, semi-detached and duplex dwellings to address the lack of affordable housing in Alberta."

"It's an idea that's time has come and yet we see city council in Calgary continue to fumble the ball this issue," Hehr said. "Hopefully this will spur city council to do what is the right thing to do."

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Quoted

"It's an idea that's time has come and yet we see city council in Calgary continue to fumble the ball this issue." Calgary-Buffalo Liberal MLA Kent Hehr

Planned 'microloans' to battle payday lenders

Money. Rates would be 'significantly lower' than what's offered by loan companies, prez says

Calgary councillors moved to more strictly regulate payday loan businesses Wednesday while a local credit union revealed plans to start offering competing services through a "microloan pilot program" believed to be the first of its kind in the city.

"We are looking at a short-term, affordable loan as an alternative to payday lending," said Shelley Vandenberg, president of First Calgary Financial.

The loans would range in size from \$750 to \$1,500 over a period of up to 18 months, she said, and would be offered to clients referred to the credit union through Momentum, a local anti-poverty and financial

literacy agency.

The plan is to begin the one-year pilot program on April 1, she added, and then potentially expand microloan offerings to the general public.

The rates would be "significantly lower than what is being offered by the payday loan companies," Vandenberg said.

Effective annual interest rates on payday loans can be as high as 600 per cent, the city's committee on planning and urban development heard Wednesday, although the practice of ultra-short-term lending is legal in Alberta and not caught up by the Criminal Code's definition of usury, which limits annual interest rates to 60 per cent.

The industry doesn't typically refer to the costs of borrowing in terms of annual percentages, but rather in terms of fees per \$100 borrowed, Stan Keys, president of the Canadian Payday Loan Association, told the committee. The maximum fee under Alberta law is \$23, he

said, while in other provinces it ranges from \$17 to \$25.

Keys refuted allegations that the payday lenders are "predatory," saying they offer much-needed credit to customers who can't find it anywhere else.

"They are responding to consumer demand," he said. "It's a service they cannot get from their bank."

Keys also refuted claims the businesses prey on the poor and "cluster" in low-income neighbourhoods.

Several councillors noted the abundance of payday lenders in Calgary's relatively poor Greater Forest Lawn area, however.

Calgary resident Timothy Afolayan told councillors he got stuck in a "vicious cycle" of payday loans after initially borrowing \$600 for an emergency medical situation. "I had to send some money home to help with my mom's health," he said. "I had no choice."

After 10 months of taking out loans every two weeks to cover his basic living costs after paying back the previous fortnight's loan and fees, he finally was able to use his income-tax refund to break the cycle.

Altogether, Afolayan said, he ended up paying \$2,400 in fees for the initial \$600 loan.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Council vote

Councillors on the committee voted Wednesday to go beyond city staff recommendations to assemble a "task force" on payday

loans, instructing staff to also examine policies restricting where they can operate and potentially boosting their business-licence fees.



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With help from Momentum, a local financial-literacy agency, Calgary resident Timothy Afolayan said he broke free from the "vicious cycle" of payday loans after initially borrowing \$600 and ending up paying \$2,400 in borrowing fees over a period of 10 months. COURTESY AMANDA SNEDDON PHOTOGRAPHY

Elbow River. Burned body identified as 18-year-old

Friends have identified a partially burned body found near the Weaselhead Bridge on the Tsuu T'ina First Nation as 18-year-old Brando Walker.

On Saturday afternoon, members of the Tsuu T'ina Nation Police Service were called to an area along the Elbow River and the Weaselhead Bridge after two fishermen discovered the remains.

Sgt. Shane Powers with the police service said while they were unable to release the man's identity he "has no ties or associations to the Tsuu T'ina Nation or population."



Brando Walker
FACEBOOK

Mourning friends posted several messages to Walker's Facebook page, with many remembering him as a "positive" individual with a talent for

making music.

The Calgary Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was a homicide and RCMP Major Crimes Unit is now leading the investigation.

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Tsuu T'ina

ASIRT investigates inmate death

Alberta's Serious Incident Response Team is currently investigating an incident at the Tsuu T'ina Police Service after the in-custody death of an inmate.

A spokeswoman with ASIRT said the death oc-

curred on Feb. 17 when an inmate was transferred to hospital from the police service in critical condition, and later died in hospital.

ASIRT explained it's now "actively investigating" the death to ensure police were acting appropriately in their line of duty and say results of the investigation will be released once it has concluded.

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Mark Kelley for CBC News





Father Stephen Penna spoke with media on behalf of the Catholic Archdioceses of Edmonton Wednesday, a day after the Bill 10 was approved by MLAs.

LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO IN EDMONTON

Catholic school authority ready to 'work with' Bill 10

GSA. School boards prepare new policy to guide student advocacy



LEAH HOLOIDAY
Metro in Edmonton

A day after the province approved new legislation to ensure gay-straight alliances (GSAs) can be started at any Alberta school, the Catholic school authority responded — they're "willing to work" with it.

After a series of back-and-forths between the province and the Alberta Catholic School Trustee's Association (ACSTA) over Bill 10 — a legislation to offer LGBTQ students an avenue to start advocacy clubs — MLAs approved an amended version of the bill on Tuesday.

ACSTA President Tony Sykora said the amended version of the bill is closer in line with what Catholic schools al-

ready do.

"Our mission is to ensure every child, every human being that comes to Catholic schools is treated with respect, is welcome, is made to feel safe in our school buildings," he said.

While the organization said the new bill allows the "flexibility" for boards to respond to student requests, Metro obtained in a February a leaked document from ACSTA that detailed legislation to support gay-straight alliances would intrude on the organizations rights.

The memo outlined a series of historical developments and position statements that use the provincial Education Act as evidence.

"The Alberta Act clearly delineates responsibilities of the various levels of government," read one portion. "Intruding on these rights is a slippery slope and diminishes the roles and responsibilities of trustees."

While the ACSTA is ready to work with the new bill, the association released a policy guide

for schools to support student advocacy.

The LIFE Framework set out ways students can form support groups "be open from a Catholic perspective to exploration of a variety of issues, including sexual orientation, gender identity, bullying, discrimination, justice, and respectful relationships and language."

The framework also stipulates that parents will be informed when their child wishes to join a group that focuses on issues related to sexuality or sexual orientation. Sykora called it a legal requirement for teachers to inform parents on issues pertaining to sexuality that happen in school. On behalf of the Archdioceses of Edmonton, Father Stephen Penna said the original legislation was too focused on a particular group.

The amended Bill 10, he noted, allows Catholic schools to support children dealing with a number of different issues.

WITH FILES FROM JEREMY NOLAIS

Education

Calgary MLA Christine Cusanelli, who worked the city's Catholic School District for 17 years, said Bill 10 provides further legal backing to students to access GSAs.

- "Now, it is going to be up to principals to understand that we have another layer of legislation that says this is what the public desires and, on top of that, I think our principals understand — and I think Albertans understand — that it's time to move towards ensuring that the LGBTQ community are enfolded within this community, as a natural part of everything we do in life, everything we do and teach," she said.

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Death to puppets 'joyful'

Show. Famous Puppet Death Scenes, coming to Theatre Junction GRAND, is exactly what it sounds like



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Calgary's Old Trout Puppet Workshop hit a chord with local audiences nine years ago with Famous Puppet Death Scenes.

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"At its root, it's a joyful exploration of possible puppet scenes all around something fun to do with puppets, which is to make them die," explains Peter Balkwill, who co-founded the Old Trouts in 1999.

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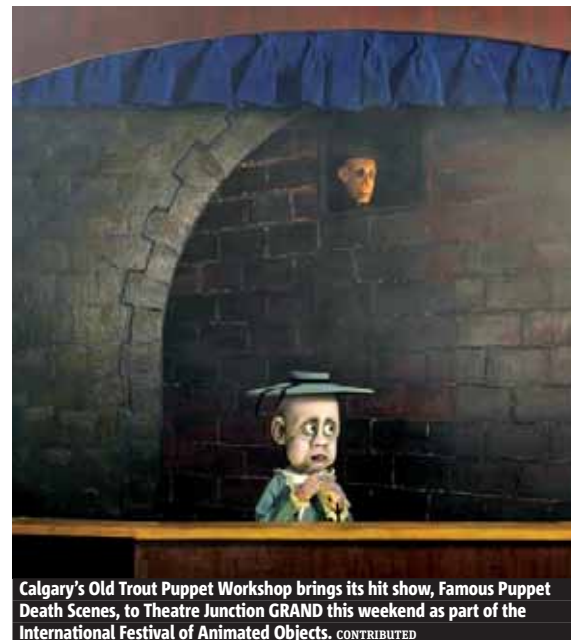
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While the show, which runs March 13 to 28 at Theatre Junction GRAND as part of the International Festival of Animated Objects, deals with a subject that's unpleasant to many, Balkwill says the show remains popular due to audiences allowing puppets to lead them into those "epic themes."

"They aren't the physical embodiment of whatever theme you're exploring," he says. "They're an imitation of that. There's a little bit of a safety net there. It's more comforting than even if there's a human acting in front of you who drops the idea."



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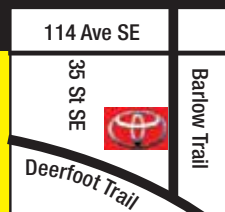
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Education

Delays likely for 3 new public middle schools

Just two days after the provincial government insisted numerous schools due to open in September 2016 were on track, Calgary's public school officials said three such facilities in the space-strapped south could be delayed a

few months.

Original tenders for the facilities in Evergreen, McKenzie Towne and for the combined area of New Brighton-Copperfield received bids that were over budget. As such, the Calgary Board of Education has gone back to the drawing board, so to speak, but still hopes to begin construction in the summer.

It's now likely the three middle schools won't open until the end of 2016, ac-

cording to Frank Coppinger, the board's superintendent of facilities.

He didn't rule out moving kids to the new facilities in the middle of the school year.

"We have done that in the past and that (potential move), I would think, would be contingent on the operational budget due to be announced (by the province) March 26," he said.

A similar tendering scenario played out for planned

elementary schools in Tuscany, Panorama Hills and Auburn Bay, but it's believed those schools will still be kept on track because they take less time to build, Coppinger said.

The signal from the board Wednesday morning was the first from the organization that the slate of new schools pledged by former Premier Alison Redford may not make the critical September 2016 opening.

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Guests enjoy the waters at Banff Upper Hot Springs. The vacation town is experiencing a boom with the warm weather. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Warming up to mild weather

Banff. Businesses pleasantly surprised with lucrative warm ski season

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"We're doing big numbers, record numbers."

Derek Malcolm, manager of Banff Rose and Crown



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The unseasonably mild winter didn't keep Banff patrons away — in fact, the ski vacation town is experiencing a bit of a boom and local businesses are seeing people flock in from near and far to enjoy the perfect balance of warm in town and cool on the slopes.

It's a bit of an economic bubble, said Kurt Schroeder of Banff Lake Louise Tourism, adding the steady flow of visitors can be chalked up to a number of factors, including the strong U.S. dollar and poor conditions at hills like Whistler in British Columbia.

"It's a very interesting situation right now, this is not a normal scenario," Schroeder said.

"We're not just hanging on, we're actually doing quite nicely."

He added conditions at ski areas are surprisingly good even though hills surrounding

the area, like Castle Mountain, are crying help, even closing in the winter heat.

Derek Malcolm, Banff Rose and Crown manager said sitting outside the popular restaurant and watching the street traffic it feels like a Saturday, except it's a weekday.

"Unfortunately we're struggling for that fresh powder as everybody's looking for every year, but in exchange we're having high business levels," Malcolm said.

"We're doing big numbers, record numbers."

A lot of his patrons are coming down for day trips from Calgary, company team building excursions, and last minute bookings.

Though he hesitates to chalk up the season's good start as abnormal, he thinks what the Rose and Crown is experiencing is just a stint of great business earlier in the season.

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Carstairs

Evidence of grow-op discovered: RCMP

A rural property that was the site of a home invasion turned potential homicide may have been used to produce marijuana, say RCMP.

Alberta RCMP said there was evidence of a grow-op found at a rural residence near Carstairs, where it's suspected a resident was shot during a home inva-

sion on Feb. 23.

The victim, a 67-year-old man, was dropped off outside of the Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary and later died from his injuries.

As a result, members of the RCMP Major Crimes Unit are investigating both incidents.

Cpl. Sharon Franks, with the Alberta RCMP, said they did "uncover evidence to suggest that there may have been a grow operation."

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Taber

Kevin Bacon asked to attend protest

While the town of Taber recovers from news of their "unconstitutional" bylaw making the rounds online, another Internet storm is brewing — namely a Kickstarter pitch asking actor Kevin Bacon to dance outside city limits in protest.

This after Metro reported the small Alberta town passed

a bylaw banning public swears, instituting a nightly curfew for kids and teens, and giving local law enforcement the power to break up any assemblies of three or more people — not unlike the laws depicted in the 1984 film classic, Footloose.

Bacon starred in the movie, about a conservative Midwest town that banned dancing and rock music.

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At Wednesday's Safety Expo, Grade 5 students from the Calgary Girls' School visit a booth set up by Atco Gas and learn about gas leaks. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

Safety Expo draws 3,600 students

Safe communities.

Exhibits teach kids about safety, security and prevention

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A black lab caused a stir Wednesday morning as it sauntered through Calgary's municipal building.

Hawk, a trauma dog with the Calgary police, was fawned over by 24 different school groups during Calgary's 12th annual Safety Expo.

On Wednesday and Thursday, 3,600 Grade 5 and 6 students are filing through the building to learn about safety hazards. With 35 exhibits set up, the expo has more displays than ever this year, according to Coun. Diane Colley-Urquhart, honorary chair of the Safety Expo committee.

"Public safety, security and prevention are really paramount pillars in having a safe

community throughout Calgary," said Colley-Urquhart.

"When you start working with young children and they can engage with these interactive booths, it's something they remember, and they can take those messages home and talk to their friends and families."

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Booths are hosted by organizations including Atco Gas, the Canadian Red Cross and the Calgary Police Service, who brought along Hawk, who comforts trauma victims.

Kim Tschritter, a Grade 5 student at Calgary Girls' School, said she never knew natural gas leaks could be dangerous, and said she was going to go home and tell her parents what she learned.

"It was really fun to learn how to protect yourself in different circumstances like this," she said.

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Justice minister backing distracted driving bill

Alberta's justice minister is standing behind a private member's bill that would add demerit points and increase the current fines for distracted driving.

Jonathan Denis announced Wednesday he will be supporting Bill 204, a private member's bill introduced by Calgary MLA Moe Amery.

"We could all improve our driving habits and I am really hoping we can move forward with Bill 204," said Denis. "This has a real impact on people's lives and people's safety."

Amery's bill proposes that a distracted driving ticket come with three demerit points and an increased fine of \$250.

Denis said the vote next week on Amery's bill will be a free vote, but he will encourage MLAs to support it.

"A lot of government members believe it's time that we do this. We are now the only province that does not have distracted driving demerits," he said. "It's simply time."



Jonathan Denis
METRO FILE

Denis made the comments after meeting with a young woman, Renaye Wade, who suffered a brain injury after a traffic accident that happened nearly two years ago.

Wade hopes the legislation will encourage drivers to put their phones down and concentrate on the road.

"They just think they're too good to have something as bad as what happened to me happen to them," she said.

Edmonton police Chief Rod Knecht has advocated for the demerit points to be added to the legislation, but he was unavailable for comment on Wednesday.

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Demand for Domestic Conflict Response Teams growing

Intervention. Program sees substantial uptake since becoming citywide service



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It's a program aimed at keeping low-risk families with domestic violence issues together and out of the courts.

Officials with the Domestic Conflict Response Team (DCRT) say the program has been welcomed with open arms since it went citywide in 2013.

Tracy Neumann, a spokeswoman with the HomeFront Society for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, which operates the DCRT, said the quick uptake highlights a greater need that exists in the city.

"We've just touched the



Tracy Neumann, a spokeswoman with the HomeFront Society for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, says the agency's Domestic Conflict Response Team program has been well received since it went citywide in 2013. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

tip of the iceberg for the need," she said.

"We have client maps and based on that, we know that there isn't one area within

Calgary that is any more affected by domestic violence than another."

According to a report submitted to a City of Calgary

By the numbers


\$27M

Officials say DCRT has resulted in "cost avoidance" of \$27 million for police and the judicial system.

standing policy committee, there were 549 intakes from January to July in 2014, a jump of more than 215 when compared to the same period of time in the previous year.

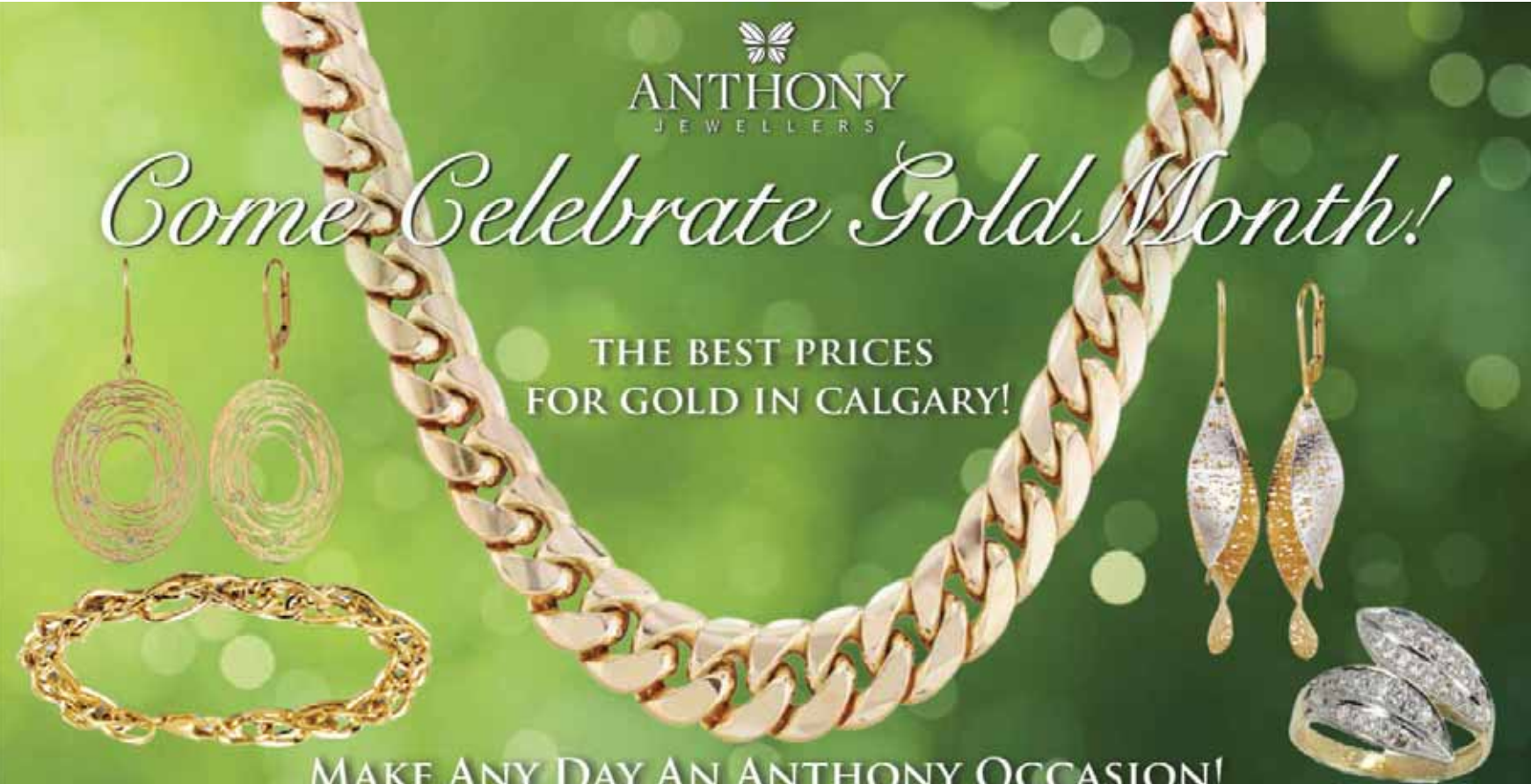
While officials said there is a growing need for programs like the DCRT, the jump in intakes can be attributed to a citywide expansion that followed the program's pilot project, which wrapped up in 2012.

Neumann said for many who have used the program, their reaction is one of "extreme gratitude" as 83 per cent of clients did not require further intervention after working with a DCRT caseworker.



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Iraq troop deployment will not grow: Minister

Military. Government says it has no plans to send more troops, but mum on if mission profile could change

of its special forces contingent in northern Iraq if Canada's combat mission in the country is extended, Defence Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday.

Kenney was more circumspect about whether the scope of operations — limited so far to advising and assisting Kurdish peshmerga forces — will change.

"The government has not yet taken a final decision on potential renewal or extension of the mission, and so I'll have to ask the member to wait until that decision is taken and we will certainly report it to Parliament in the form of a motion," Kenney said in answer to a question from NDP defence critic Jack Harris. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Islam

Canadian imams
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A group of Canadian imams is condemning followers of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) as non-Muslims and "outsiders" to the faith.

Imam Syed Soharwardy and 37 other Muslim leaders from across the country have issued an Islamic edict called a fatwa against the

militant group currently trying to attract supporters to its war in Syria and Iraq.

Soharwardy, the founder of the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada, said Wednesday ISIL is violating Muslim law. As a result, the group and anyone supporting them, will no longer be considered to be Muslim.

"They have been excommunicated from the Muslim community," Soharwardy said.

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Citizenship ceremonies

Clement backs
PM on niqab ban

Federal Conservatives scrambled Wednesday to clarify that their aversion to Muslim women wearing the niqab applies strictly to citizenship ceremonies.

But they struggled to explain why wearing the face-covering veil is no big deal in other spheres of life, including the federal public service,

if — as Prime Minister Stephen Harper maintains — it's contrary to Canadian values and "rooted in a culture that is anti-women."

"That is what the prime minister said and that is a point of view that one can hold," said Treasury Board President Tony Clement, who is responsible for federal civil service. "That doesn't mean that you can impose that view in the workplace or in the private sphere."

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Preliminary hearing at risk for
Lac-Mégantic driver: Lawyer

Former Montreal Maine and Atlantic Railway Ltd. employees Tom Harding, right, Jean Demaitre, centre, and Richard Labrie are escorted by police to appear in court in Lac-Mégantic, Que., on May 13, 2014. The lawyer for Harding, the train driver charged in the deadly Lac-Mégantic disaster, says Crown prosecutors are seeking to prevent his client from having a preliminary inquiry. The three men are each facing 47 counts of criminal negligence causing death — one for each victim of the July 2013 oil-train derailment. A conviction carries a maximum life sentence.

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Pakistani accused
of terror plot in T.O.

Investigation. Jahanzeb Malik is suspected of plotting to blow up the U.S. consulate and other buildings

gation by Canadian security and anti-terrorism personnel, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said in Ottawa.

At the hearing Wednesday, Jessica Lourenco, a lawyer for the immigration minister, said an undercover RCMP officer befriended Malik.

"Malik attempted to radicalize the undercover officer by showing him videos apparently of (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) beheadings," Lourenco alleged.

"He told the undercover officer about his plan to build remote-controlled bombs to blow up the U.S. consulate and other buildings in the financial district of Toronto."

Lourenco accused Malik, who has travelled frequently between Canada and Pakistan, of planning to videotape the bombings to encourage others to carry out similar attacks. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

A Pakistani man Canadian authorities suspect of plotting to blow up the U.S. consulate and buildings in Toronto's financial district and videotape the attacks was ordered kept in custody on Wednesday pending deportation.

Jahanzeb Malik, who came to Canada as a student in 2004, was ordered detained on "security grounds" following a hearing before the Immigration and Refugee Board.

The Canada Border Services Agency arrested Malik, 33, on Monday in Toronto following a lengthy investi-

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Ferguson. Chief resigns after scathing report

The police chief in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Mo., resigned Wednesday in the wake of a scathing Justice Department report prompted by the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

The city said in a statement it reached a mutual separation agreement with Chief Thomas Jackson, who will get a severance payment and health insurance for a year. Lt. Col. Al Eickhoff will become acting chief March 19 while the city searches for a replacement.

Jackson had previously re-

sisted calls by protesters and some of Missouri's top elected leaders to step down over his handling of the August shooting of Michael Brown and the weeks of sometimes-violent protests that followed.

Jackson becomes the sixth employee to resign or be fired after the U.S. Department of Justice last week issued a report that cleared Officer Darren Wilson of civil rights charges in the shooting but found a profit-driven court system and widespread racial bias in the city police department.

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Florida

All 11 presumed dead in crash

Human remains and helicopter parts were recovered Wednesday after seven Marines and four soldiers crashed in heavy fog during military training in Florida.

All 11 service members were presumed dead after

the Army National Guard's UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter went down offshore, a Pentagon official said.

President Barack Obama spoke with the military leaders involved and expressed his condolences to the families before saying he's confident of a detailed investigation, said his spokesman, Josh Earnest.

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Iraqi soldiers sweep into ISIL-held city of Tikrit



In this image taken from video, a soldier fires from behind a building in Tikrit, Iraq, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraq. Allied militiamen breach one of extremists' key strongholds

Iraqi soldiers and allied Shiite militiamen launched a two-front offensive in the ISIL-held city of Tikrit on Wednesday to squeeze extremists out of Saddam Hussein's hometown.

Explosions and heavy gunfire echoed through Tikrit, a key way station for Iraqi forces trying to expel the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, who hold roughly a third of the country and neighbouring Syria. The offensive also will serve as a major crucible for Iraqi forces, which collapsed under the extremists' initial offensive last year and now face street-by-street fighting in one of ISIL's biggest strongholds.

Allied Iraqi forces first entered the city through its northern Qadisiyya neighbourhood, according to video obtained by The Associated Press.

Strategic move

- Taking Tikrit would open a supply line for a future operation to besiege Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city that remains under ISIL control.
- U.S. military officials have said a mission to retake Mosul likely will begin in April or May and involve up to 25,000 Iraqi troops.

Authorities offered no immediate casualty figures, though Iran's state-run Press TV satellite channel reported that a mortar attack wounded one of its cameramen there.

Later Wednesday, allied forces also swept into Tikrit in a pincer movement to squeeze out militants, though some suggested many already fled in the face of the advance, code-named "At your service, prophet of Allah." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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This was supposed to be a year that the "ranch" — a

cowboyed-up parking lot in the downtown core where pancakes are flipped and beer is poured — would be booked up again for the Calgary Stampede. But then oil prices fell by more than half.

With three-and-a-half months to go before the 10-day festival kicks off, caterer

Paddy Sorrenti figures six of the 10 events that had been booked are going ahead but some might still be scrapped.

It's a similar story for David Howard, whose company The Event Group gets about 10 per cent of its business from Stampede. He says 40 per cent of his clients have cancelled their

parties altogether this year, walking away from thousands of dollars in deposits.

But while some oil companies are scrapping their Stampede parties, they're holding other types of events for staff and customer appreciation — charitable concerts or keynote speakers.

It's not just about dollars and cents. Companies are wondering if holding Stampede shindigs gives off the right impression, said Howard.

Paul Vickers with Penny Lane Entertainment Group — owners of Cowboys, the bar known for its Stampede-Ground festivities — said he's

not expecting to see a dent in business. He said the slow-down appears to be hitting the higher-end, and Cowboys caters to the \$5-beer crowd.

Corporate clients are spending on Stampede — they're just spending more wisely, he said.

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CRTC. U.S. firm fined for scorning do-not-call rules

The U.S.-based company responsible for those pesky calls proclaiming that you've won a cruise has been fined \$200,000 for breaking telemarketing rules.

In addition to paying the penalty, Florida-based Consolidated Travel Holdings Group Inc. has agreed to stop making unsolicited telemarketing calls telling Canadians they have won a free cruise to the Bahamas in exchange for answering a survey.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunica-

tions Commission launched its investigation after hearing complaints from Canadians.

The federal regulator worked with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission to investigate the complaints.

The CRTC said Caribbean Cruise Line, which is owned by Consolidated Travel Holdings Group Inc., used an automatic dialing-announcing device to offer cruises to Canadians, including many who have their phone number registered on the national do not call list.

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NFU report: Canada set to lose generation of farmers

A board member for the National Farmers Union says without laws that support decent farm livelihoods, Canada could lose its next generation of farmers. Matt Gehl, board member for Saskatchewan, says the country could end up with something like "the serfdom many of our ancestors tried to escape."

On Tuesday, the NFU released an update to its 2010 report on corporate farmland buyup, farm debt and input

financing. The new report, called Losing Our Grip — 2015 Update, looks at increasing corporate control of farmland and the acceleration of farm debt, now approaching \$80 billion.

"Without better farm policy and laws with real teeth, absentee landlords seeking to make the highest possible return for their shareholders will be calling the shots," says NFU president Jan Slomp. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Ban on selfie sticks grows at tourist sites

The Chateau de Versailles, outside Paris, and the National Gallery in London have joined the growing list of global tourist attractions that have banned "selfie sticks." The devices are used by visitors such as American tourists Chris Baker and Jennifer Hinson, pictured here in front of the Louvre Pyramid in Paris, to improve snapshots, but critics say the practice is obnoxious and potentially dangerous. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Rental cars

Two firms accused of false advertising

The Competition Bureau has accused rental-car companies Avis and Budget of false or misleading advertising.

The agency has filed an application with the Competition Tribunal seeking \$30 million in administrative penalties and refunds for consumers.

The bureau alleges Avis and Budget advertise prices that are not attainable due to additional fees imposed during the rental.

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The summons filed Monday said Cho screamed obscenities at Kim and hit and threatened her.

She was also pressured to lie to government investigators to cover up the incident and to appear in public with Cho "as part of an orchestrated effort to try and rehabilitate Cho's public image," the summons said.

Kim is seeking compensatory damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at the trial.

Kim said Korean Air was her dream job since she was a high school student, but after false rumours spread on the Internet about her accepting a professorship in exchange for lying to investigators, she could not return to work as a flight attendant.

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VOICES

CITIZEN SCIENTISTS UNITE!

Research projects led by those outside academia aren't supported, published or taken seriously, but that should change



STEPHANIE ORFORD
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You don't need a PhD to have a great idea, so why do you need a PhD to publish it?

Many of us have ideas that, given research and a platform to share it, could change the way we live. More people outside academia are getting their hands dirty with scientific research.

A few weeks ago, the first-ever Citizen Science Meeting was held at Cornell University. But right now, research projects led by citizen scientists aren't supported, published or taken seriously.

Scientific research needs to go public.

A citizen scientist is anyone in the public who participates in scientific study. You could be one. Numerous projects around the world already see academic scientists tap citizen scientists to collect their data—like crowdfunding, but for information.

Amateur whale watchers report sightings as part of the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network. The University of Calgary-based Aurorasaurus project tracks the aurora through Twitter.

But the vast majority of citizen scientists today just do the grunt work. They don't contribute ideas. Academic institutions and publications still control much of what research is pursued, funded and recognized. Only a select few can currently participate in scientific discovery and be recognized for it.

Many of the world's greatest inventions and discoveries were made



Tourists take pictures of a humpback whale. Amateur whale watchers can report sightings as part of the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network, but the vast majority of citizen scientists today just do the grunt work. RODRIGO BUENDIA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

outside the walls of academia.

Working out of his shop, a Dutch eyeglasses maker named Hans Lippershey invented the technology behind the telescope, which Galileo used to discover craters on the moon and confirm that the Earth orbits the sun. German goldsmith Johannes Gutenberg invented the movable-type printing press, which put books in the hands of regular Europeans, not just the aristocracy and the church.

Today, however, peer-reviewed academic journals are the gatekeep-

ers of what science is accepted, talked about and built upon, and right now, for the most part, only researchers from academic institutions are able to publish there.

There just aren't supports in Canada that allow citizen scientists conducting their own experiments or studies to get peer reviewed and to publish their findings, says David Lawrie, program director of Canada's Citizen Scientists, a group of researchers formed out of Toronto in 2003 who collect data about the health of the Rouge River watershed.

Plenty of tools are out there for citizen scientists. Science crowdfunding sites like petridish.org and experiment.com help generate funds, and there are a couple citizen science journals, but the citizen science sea change won't happen until ordinary people can get better recognition for their research.

"For citizen scientists, it takes a lot of time and effort to publish in a journal for essentially almost no reward," says Lawrie.

We also need more incentives to encourage people from more diverse

backgrounds to get involved in researching and shaping what we know about the world. They need things like grants, awards, prizes, the honour of being published.

Lawrie would like to see more monetary support for citizen scientists and "a very effective platform to help disseminate the information to the broader public."

Encouraging citizen research would generate more discoveries, and they would happen faster. More diverse people would be able to pursue more diverse topics that are currently underrepresented in academia.

Thanks to data collection by citizen scientists, the eBird network has millions of sightings that have helped focus conservation efforts. Think of how much more we could accomplish with a world full of scientists.

One criticism of citizen research is that reliability and validity of the research can't be controlled as it is in academia.

So let's find ways of fixing that: peer-review panels to vet the quality of citizen research; ethics boards that make sure their projects are above board; a government granting body that endorses and supports promising projects; a central resource where citizen scientists can find out how to conduct research with rigour so they can produce meaningful results.

Cheap, easily accessible technologies are making it easy to collect, analyze and communicate information.

Let's use them to unleash the public brain.

Stephanie Orford is a writer based in Vancouver.

Why being strapped to our tech may actually set us free



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I have a confession to make: I want an Apple Watch—badly.

Ever since Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook finally officially revealed the prices and release date of the trio of smart watches Monday, there has been a stream of haters calling the latest offering from the Cupertino, Calif., company stupid, gauche and ridiculously overpriced.

A Gawker writer actually called

on readers to take a pledge to not sleep with anyone who dons the gadget. A certain Metro web editor seemed horrified to hear I wanted one. As Taylor Swift sings: Haters gonna hate, hate, hate.

Sure, I'll admit: no one needs an Apple Watch—but then, no one needs a smartphone either, and most of us have one.

While I personally like the design of the watches, some people think they're clunky and weird, and I concede it may be difficult to not look like a lemming or a fash-

ion victim wearing one.

And, uh, yes, the watches are overpriced. The Apple Watch Edition (18-karat gold) will start at a heart-stopping \$13,000, the Apple Watch starts at \$699 and the Apple Watch Sport is the cheapest option, starting at \$449 in Canada.

Yet, despite all that, I still desperately want one. As a runner, I love the idea of having GPS, a heart-rate sensor and an accelerometer—as well as access to Wi-Fi. I'm well aware that the numbers these devices spit out are far from perfect,

but it's still nice to be able to get an idea of how hard I'm working when I'm working out.

And as a woman I love that I can now free myself of the tyranny of carrying around so much stuff everywhere I go.

I mean, the watch tells you the time without having to pull out your phone and it's strapped to your wrist so it's harder to lose.

And while you still need your phone nearby, you can pay for things with the watch and check your Twitter feed on it. You can

even use it to call a cab. What can't it do? Don't answer that; it's a rhetorical question.

I seem to be swimming against the stream on this one, but I think now is the time for an Apple Watch. Well, not now, now. I'll wait for the kinks to be worked out and the prices to come down (fingers crossed).

Then I'll sport my watch with pride.

Melissa Dunne is a freelance writer based in Toronto.

Shad's here to give you all he can

Juno award-winning rapper Shad faces the shadow of Jian Ghomeshi when he takes over hosting duties of Q on April 20. Ghomeshi, who helped make Q popular among younger listeners, was fired from the CBC four months ago. So, how will Shad match up against the former host?

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
Metro News in Toronto

Ego

Shad: Friends describe him as confident, but also modest and humble, almost to a fault. "He's never struck me as a person that's seeking or needing the validation of others," said Seattle hip-hop radio host and friend, Jonathan Moore. In a CBC news story on the announcement, Shad downplayed his own prominence, calling his new role "an honour" and praising the producers as a "brilliant, passionate team."

Ghomeshi: In the wake of Ghomeshi's firing and allegations of sexual assault, former staffers have come out to charge Ghomeshi with having an outsized ego. Former staff have described Ghomeshi as an oppressive and perfectionist boss, whose will was the law.

Radio experience

Shad: He's had a lot of time behind the microphone, but in terms of hosting a radio show, Shad's main efforts were as a guest host for Q in January for a week.

Ghomeshi: He had a number of smaller broadcasting gigs before launching Q in 2007, including on CBC TV as the host of the pop culture program Play, and later as the host of a series of music shows on CBC Radio One, including a stint on Sounds Like Canada.

Accolades

Shad: The musician has been racking up praise for his music for the past 10 years. He won the 2011 Juno award for Rap Recording of the Year, beating out Drake, and his albums have been nominated for other Junos, MuchMusic Video Awards and the Polaris Prize.

Ghomeshi: As a musician, Ghomeshi's career was less decorated. But as host of Q, he won the Gold Award for best talk-show host at the New York Festivals International Radio Awards in 2012. He was also praised around the world for taking on Billy Bob Thornton in a prickly 2009 interview.



Musical

Shad: A veteran of the hip-hop world, Shad has released four albums, two mixtapes and four EPs. The Old Prince is considered his breakout album, he won the Juno for TSOL, and his most recent release came last year, with Flying Colours. He makes "culturally curious hip hop (that's) eclectic, witty, thoughtful, funny," said music writer and Polaris Prize juror Michael Barclay.

Ghomeshi: As the singer and drummer in the satirical folk-pop band Moxy Früvous, Ghomeshi recorded eight albums. The band released platinum-selling records, and made Ghomeshi a name in Canadian music, but "by the time he started working at the CBC, his music career was kind of a joke," said Barclay.

X Factor

Shad: As yet unproven as a host, Shad has ample proof of his charisma on stage. The MC is confident and intelligent, but not arrogant, Moore said. "He's curious and interesting. He will bring energy to the show," Barclay said.

Ghomeshi: There's no doubt that Q's popularity became entwined with Ghomeshi's own star power. Known as a gracious radio host, he also didn't cower to well-known interview subjects — he once sarcastically corrected Julian Assange for calling him by the show's name. A charismatic man in person, Ghomeshi's confidence shone on air, and the way he connected with guests and drew out their stories undoubtedly helped forge Q's reputation as a cultural powerhouse and a must-do interview.

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Sexed-up scandal show fit for a king

New series. We'll never be royals, but we can enjoy their fictional foibles

There's little to take seriously in the campy new drama *The Royals* — a show from E network about the scandalous lives of a fictional royal family.

But amidst all the mayhem, there is at least a modicum of attention paid to portraying proper regal behaviour, which co-star Alexandra Park credits to her “very English” co-star, Elizabeth Hurley.

The Australian actress, who plays rebellious princess Eleanor to Hurley's imperious Queen Helena, says the *Austin Powers* star acted as a bit of an informal etiquette expert on set, pointing out little-known dos and don'ts as filming went on.

“She's like, ‘No, we would never have that colour flowers for this event. And



The Royals debuts Sunday on E network. CONTRIBUTED

you can't wear that,” Park recalled in a recent phone interview from Los Angeles.

“She just knows everything. It's crazy.”

Park said Hurley and co-star Joan Collins lend a dash of Hollywood majesty to the over-the-top series, which revels in the ignoble exploits

of a royal brood sent reeling when the heir apparent dies suddenly.

While the partying Eleanor attracts tabloid gossip for her wild escapades, her brother Liam, played by William Moseley, courts his own controversy by romancing the daughter of the family's

head of security. That headstrong young woman, who becomes a target for the queen, is played by B.C.-bred actress Merrit Patterson.

Despite all the pomp and circumstance, viewers should be able to connect to the basic struggles these characters face, Moseley said.

“You're trying to find your place, you're trying to take on all these responsibilities and my character is kind of like dealing with doubt on a very high level,” said Moseley in a separate interview from Los Angeles.

Rather than allude too much to the lives of actual

royals, Moseley said the series makes a point of charting its own outlandish course.

“You have a girl serving food in a French maid outfit — you know what I mean? Which obviously wouldn't happen in the royal palace.”

The *Royals* debuts Sunday on E network.

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Will Ferrell strikes out on baseball stunt

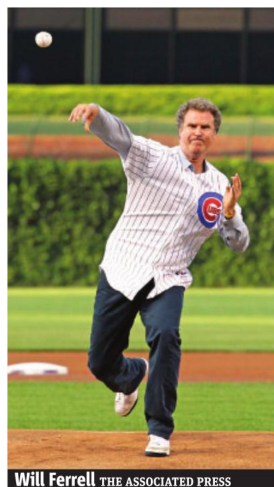
Charity. Comedian plans to play all positions in Arizona MLB tour to raise funds for cancer

Will Ferrell plans to play ball in spring training — and play ball and play ball and play ball.

The comedian will play every position while making appearances at five Arizona spring training games on Thursday. He will play for all 10 teams involved, HBO and Major League Baseball announced Wednesday.

The star of *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy* will travel to the Phoenix suburbs of Mesa, Tempe, Scottsdale, Glendale and Peoria via helicopter. The event will be filmed for an upcoming HBO special in conjunction with the *Funny or Die* website co-founded by Ferrell.

HBO said Ferrell is dedicat-



Will Ferrell THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing his special to fighting cancer. He also will honour Bert Campaneris' feat of playing nine positions in a game five decades ago. Memorabilia collected during Ferrell's tour will be auctioned off at MLB.com, with proceeds going to College

of Cancer and Stand Up to Cancer, according to HBO.

"Will is a big fan of our game," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "and many of us in baseball — among our clubs, players and our millions of fans — are big fans of his. Major League Baseball is happy to take part in what will surely be a fun and memorable day for a great cause."

Ferrell is to appear in the following games: Seattle Mariners-Oakland Athletics to start at 12:05 p.m. PDT; Chicago Cubs-Los Angeles Angels at 1:10 p.m.; Cincinnati Reds-Arizona Diamondbacks at 2:10 p.m.; San Francisco Giants-Chicago White Sox at 4:05 p.m.; and Los Angeles Dodgers-San Diego Padres at 6:15 p.m.

This is not Ferrell's first foray into the game.

In 2012, he and Zach Galifianakis, promoting their movie *The Campaign*, threw out the first pitch at a Chicago Cubs game. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Verdict blurs lines on paying homage to musical influences

Copyright. Williams and Thicke's \$7.4M court loss could cause chilling effect on creation of music

A jury's verdict that Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke copied Marvin Gaye's music to create their hit song Blurred Lines won't just be felt by the singers' pocketbooks — it has the potential to change how musicians work and could open the door to new copyright claims.

An eight-person jury determined Tuesday that Williams and Thicke copied elements of Gaye's 1977 hit Got to Give It Up and ordered the pair to pay nearly \$7.4 million to the late singer's three children.

The music industry may feel new constraints in the coming years as artists — and



Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke have been ordered to pay nearly \$7.4 million to the late Marvin Gaye's three children for a copyright infringement. GETTY IMAGES

lawyers — sort through the verdict and its implications.

Howard King, lead attorney for Thicke and Williams, told jurors in closing arguments that a verdict for the Gaye family would have a chilling effect on musicians'

trying to evoke an era or create an homage to the sound of earlier musicians. Williams contended during the trial that he was only trying to mimic the "feel" of Gaye's late 1970s music, but insisted he did not use elements of

his idol's work. "Today's successful verdict, with the odds more than stacked against the Marvin Gaye estate, could redefine what copyright infringement means for recording artists," said Glen Rothstein, an intellectual property attorney with the firm Greenberg Glusker.

"The Gaye verdict is precedential in that whereas prior to today, it was generally understood that paying homage to musical influences was an acceptable, and indeed commonplace way of conducting business and even showing respect for one's musical idols, after today, doubt has been cast on where the line will be drawn for copyright infringement purposes," Rothstein said.

The Gaye family will seek an injunction against Blurred Lines, which will give them leverage to negotiate for royalties and other concessions such as songwriting credits.

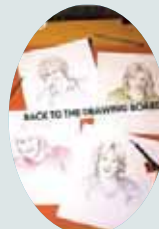
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Well, that sounds familiar

AVRIL VS. THE RUBINOOS



Although she insisted she had never heard the '70s tune I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend by the Rubinoos, Avril Lavigne agreed to an out-of-court settlement involving her hit song Girlfriend.



EX-BEATLE VS. THE CHIFFONS



Former Beatle George Harrison's 1970 solo song My Sweet Lord had a melody heavy with echoes of He's So Fine, the 1962 hit from The Chiffons. A judge said Harrison was guilty only of "subconscious plagiarism." Harrison would eventually pay out \$587,000.



TOM PETTY VS. SAM SMITH



Tom Petty's publishers said Sam Smith's Stay With Me's melody bore a striking resemblance to Petty's I Won't Back Down. Smith and his representatives agreed, and granted co-writing credit to Petty.



Fashion. Jeanne Beker premieres new show on The Shopping Channel

After 27 years spent primarily profiling designers as host of Fashion Television, Jeanne Beker is opting for a fresh take on fashion aimed at helping viewers maximize their style potential.

The fashion and media maven is returning to the airwaves with Style Matters with Jeanne Beker, which has its two-hour premiere Thursday at 8 p.m. ET on the Shopping Channel. Full episodes will be available online at tsc.ca the following day.

Three years since the cancellation of the long-running FT, Beker said she has felt fortunate to continue making regular TV appearances — albeit in "very conventional ways."

"I was being used for the regular red carpet commentary or to give my opinion about this or that — which is all great," the affable Beker said in an interview.

"But I felt that it was high time to do something new and exciting again."

With Style Matters, Beker draws on part of the formula that made FT a trail-blazing success, with plans to shoot segments in the field featuring interviews with designers or



Jeanne Beker
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showroom tours.

She will anchor the show live from the studio, with one-hour and two-hour editions hoping to guide viewers toward translating notable styles featured onscreen into their own wardrobes. The debut episode will include a visit to the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York which recently opened a special exhibition on Yves Saint Laurent and Halston, two of the most influential designers of the 1970s.

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Mindy Kaling can't do one-night stands

Art, it seems, doesn't imitate life when it comes to Mindy Kaling, who is finding that the wild dating life of her *The Mindy Project* alter ego is screwing up what men expect from her in her own life.

"When

I go on dates there's this expectation that I'm going to have, like, 11 martinis and like, pass out and spend the night really soon. And I think people get a little disappointed because my true self is like, I could never do that, like have a one-night stand."

the single actress and writer tells Ellen DeGeneres during an interview.

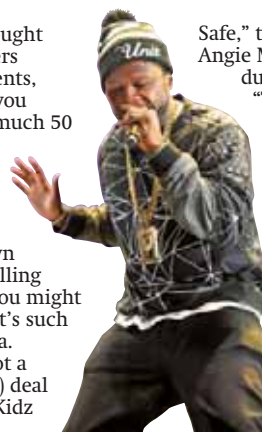
"Because I have my medications that I have to take at night. I have to be at my house and do my flossing. I have all that stuff."

Hey, maybe some guys are into flossing.

50 cent's son pulls in huge salary for a two-year-old

I never thought that toddlers needed agents, but when you hear how much 50 Cent's two-year-old son, Sire Jackson, pulled down for a modelling contract, you might not think it's such a crazy idea.

"He's got a (modelling) deal now with Kidz



Safe," the rapper revealed to Angie Martinez at Power 105 during an interview.

"They paid him a big payment, too."

And by big, he means a contract worth \$700,000. No, seriously. That's a lot of binkies.

"He's cute, you gotta pay for it," Fiddy explained. He also assured listeners that the money is going into a trust until Jackson is 18 years old.

Tony says 'I do' to Gaga wedding gig



Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga

Singing at Lady Gaga's wedding would likely be a pretty nerve-racking prospect for even

the most seasoned of young musicians, so it makes sense that the chameleon-like singer would go for someone who can handle the pressure.

Enter pal Tony Bennett, who is reportedly on tap to croon at Gaga's upcoming nuptials. "They invited me to do it, and of course I will," he tells *Page Six*.

Now, you can accuse me of being cynical or unromantic, that's fine, but I can't help noticing that Gaga and Bennett, who released their *Cheek to Cheek* duets album last fall, are embarking on a tour next month. What a coincidence!

Renée steps out in Paris

A chic Renée Zellweger — who attracted attention last fall for a noticeably changed visage — at first hid her face from cameras with Audrey Hepburn-style bangs and large shades Wednesday as she hit Prada's Miu Miu show on the last day of the ready-to-wear collections in Paris.

Inside the show, however, she took off the shades and proudly posed for cameras — maybe she is "happy," after all. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/METRO**



Shooting at Lil Wayne's a hoax

An apparent hoax summoned a strong police response Wednesday to the home of rapper Lil Wayne after an unknown caller reported a shooting.

The caller claimed four people had been shot at the waterfront home on an exclusive Miami Beach island.

The responding officers, including a heavily armed SWAT team, found no evidence of a shooting, no victims and no gunman. "We can say for sure it was a hoax," Miami Beach police spokesman Ernesto Rodriguez said. "It's not a laughing matter."

Rodriguez also said the owner of the home — Lil Wayne, whose real name is Dwayne Michael Carter — was not there at the time.

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Stella McCartney's gentle beauty

Hitting the on-trend spot, Stella McCartney sensually explored styles of undressing for fall-winter 2015, with a hint of the corset.

Gone were many of the sporty shapes that are now associated with her esthetic — and in their place were silhouettes, cinched chicly with a belt at the waist or bustier-shaped. Elsewhere, there were voluminous “comfort” shapes on beautiful loose knit sweater-dresses in earth tones, which would fall nonchalantly off one arm — as if in a state of undress.

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Hermès designer shows powerful debut

For her debut collection at power house Hermès, new designer Nadège Vanhee-Cybulski pared down the house esthetic, to subtle, yet powerful, results. Narrowing down the palette to navy, cobalt blue, ivory, carmine red and flashes of sunshine yellow, the 36-year-old French designer used simple minimalist shapes that drew from Oriental styles to bold effect.

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Louis Vuitton's leather and lace

Nicolas Ghesquière, artistic director, manages to mix a certain simplicity with technical expertise. The lace looks like collages on dresses and tops, with just a chain for a belt. Shoulders are highlighted, exaggerated and gathered. Skirts are worn short with pockets, paired with sublime leather jackets, embroidered sheepskin or even zipped blouses. The gold and silver shine is the focus, sparkly but with a simplicity at the same time.

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Flirting with danger at Paris Fashion Week

Saint Laurent's sex-infused, '80s grit and glam

Fashion's wild child Hedi Slimane upped the sexiness in his latest offering for Saint Laurent, with thick eye makeup, whitened faces, torn tights and a flirtation with the styles of the '80s New Romantics.

The stomping models were still here in this latest chapter of the controversial French-Tunisian's evolution at the house, as were the glittering glam rock fleeces, black boots, black leather minis, and the figure-hugging leopard print cocktail dresses.

It felt like the new Saint Laurent girl had grown up a little bit, moved into the early '80s and discovered sex. A tight black leather zip-up minidress was undone nearly to the crotch, while one truncated bridal dress was twinned with a tuxedo and looked like the heady bride had ditched her man at the altar and gone to the disco.



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Kenzo embraces layers and lines

This season's mantra is: Pile it all on. We've seen it notably at Lanvin, Dries Van Noten — and now at Kenzo's draped, voluminous and colourful fashion spectacle.

The collection continued this energy in its vivid splashes of kinetic graphic lines and flashes of contrasting, coloured prints.

But fall-winter was all about the layering. Geometric lines featured on layered A-line column dresses, topped off with funky asymmetrical poncho-hoods.

Kenzo is all about the cultural fusion. The dark looks featured a nice play of camouflage print on a poncho and assorted jungle pants: If you looked closely you realized the pattern was, in fact, of very un-militaristic flowers.

It was tongue in cheek, and is bound to be a hit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Make sure to hit the road right with kids

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Taking your children on the road can expose them to new cultures or simply to some much-needed vitamin D on a sunny beach. Planning is key, but arranging the details — and gear — can be stressful. But with some expert tips, your March break family vacation can actually be relaxing.

When you are planning

Thanks to recent measles outbreaks, vaccinations are a hot topic. For common travel-related illnesses, such as traveller's diarrhea, the choice to vaccinate is a matter of parents' risk tolerance, said Mark Wise, a family physician, who specializes in travel medicine and writes the blog *drwise-travel.com*.

When you are getting ready to go

How do you bring everything



A set of headphones and a colouring book can make a long flight zip by for children. SHUTTERSTOCK

you need without bringing everything you own? "Use a list and check it twice," said Corinne McDermott, the founder of *havebabywill-travel.com* and a seasoned traveller with two children. McDermott's website offers "the mother of all packing lists" and a "carry-on packing list," which cover everything from toiletries to clothes to consent letters for children travelling with one parent or other adults. And don't forget: "Count your bags and carry-ons and remember the num-

ber," McDermott said.

When you arrive

Jet lag can make kids fussy. "For short trips with small changes, it may be worth it to stay on your home time zone," McDermott said. "For bigger trips with greater time changes, start living in your new time zone as much as possible." That means hitting the hay and getting up at your regular times in the new time zone. Fresh air, exercise and sunlight can help get you up to speed more quickly.

When you get home

"It's important to immediately slide back into your usual routine and tolerate a day or two of 'vacation hangover,'" McDermott said. If you can, build in a day at home to relax and wash your mountain of laundry before returning to work and school. If a break isn't possible, jump straight in — there's always coffee to get the grownups through the first day back.



March break can be a tough time for parents trying to juggle work and family time. SHUTTERSTOCK

Stave off boredom

While older kids may not require babysitting, they'll need to be entertained.

- "Encourage your child to think about what they'd like to do during their week off so that the week doesn't just fly by in a flash," says bestselling author Ann Douglas.
- "Maybe they might want to plan an outing or activity with a friend each day, to provide some structure to their week. Or maybe they'd like to wave the white flag for a couple of days and curl up on the couch with a good book. Kids, like adults, need downtime, too," she adds.

Stressing? Keep the break in March break

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March break can be a blast for kids, but stressful for parents tasked with the job of finding boredom-busting ways of keeping energetic youngsters busy.

For those unable to book time off, March break can be even more daunting: There is a mad scramble to juggle work, secure reliable childcare, while trying to squeeze in quality family time, said Ann Douglas, bestselling author of *The Mother of All Pregnancy Books* and *The Mother of All Baby Books*.

"This can definitely be a challenge — and a major source of stress," Douglas said. "Parents may feel torn between their desire to do what's best for their kids and their desire to meet their obligations at work. The good news is that a lot of families are facing this very same challenge and there are ways to work together to solve the problem."

Consider calling upon personal networks within your community, she said.

"If, for example, you know another family in your neighbourhood trying to line up childcare for the March break, maybe you could split the work week down the middle, with each family taking half a week of vacation — and providing

care for their own children and the other family's children on those days — and working half the week."

Meanwhile, it may be the perfect week to arrange a sleepover at grandma's or a stay with your child's favourite cousin.

For those who can wrangle a vacation day or two, plan a memorable activity. Think ski day, an afternoon at the indoor pool, visit the local craft centre, or play tourists in your own town.

Perhaps avoiding March break crowds is more your speed. No problem: Pick up baking or crafting supplies and enjoy a creative day at home with the kids.

For parents working the whole week, with the help of your children, brainstorm ways to maximize post-work fun. Try filling a jar with activities the family would enjoy and select one each night.

"Tackle a special project, like making videos sharing fun family memories or your memories of your children's baby days," Douglas said.

"Plan a series of dinners with fun and wacky themes — pirate night or picnic at the beach — with each member of the family taking the initiative for planning the menu for a different night. Or schedule some fun outings. It could be as simple as heading to the nearest park to toss a Frisbee around in the snow."

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Made of wool, cotton and foam, the Nubilo sofa by Constance Guiset for Petite Friture resembles something between a cloud and a pastry. Macaron-shaped cushions in various sizes and colors are stacked along the sofa for "maximum comfort," according to the designer (approximately \$3,280-\$4,070). PETITE FRITURE



Pink may not be everyone's favourite colour, but it is always welcome in small touches. One way to add a splash of the colour is cheerful sofa cushion Smanate from Ikea in pink and white gingham (approximately \$6). IKEA

For Ligne Roset, French designer Inga Sempé designed Beau Fixe, a two-person sofa that calls to mind a retro airplane seat, only much softer. Sempé was inspired by her memory of a beach chair. To resurrect this item as a comfortable and elegant sofa, she combined a metal structure with a soft comforter (Price available on request). LIGNE ROSET



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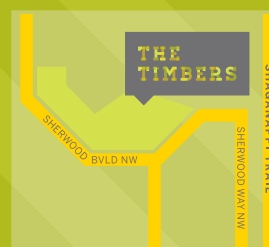
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These little lights, let 'em shine

Lighting can make or break the look and mood of your home, from uninviting over-lit rooms to paintings that disappear because there's no light. Every room needs three sources of lighting: accent, task and ambient. Here are the best forms of these lights and how to use them in a room



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Accent lighting

Accent lighting creates a moody environment and helps to brighten dark corners and highlight art. It's great as a night light to welcome you when you come home late or when you don't want your house completely dark at night. Highlighting a plant, sculpture or painting an easy way to add a spark of light to a room without totally illuminating it.



Create drama: Shine a light through your houseplants to create an exotic atmosphere. Canarm Theo Adjustable Lamp, \$30, HomeDepot.ca



Wall hung: Highlight a picture or simply wash a wall with light. Reynolds Library Bookcase Sconce, \$199, PotteryBarn.com



Directed wall hung: Read in bed without getting light in your eyes. Morgan Ivory Sconce, \$179, CrateAndBarrel.com

Task lighting

Task lighting is directed light to help you with a task such as reading, preparing food or working on hobbies. A swing-arm reading lamp or under-cupboard kitchen lights are prime examples of task lighting. This type of lighting is best planned after you move into your home and know where you need specific lighting.



Under counters: Brighten your countertops in the kitchen with under-counter lighting. Westek Plug-In Cabinet LED Puck Light Kit, \$16 per light, Lowes.ca



Uplighting: Shine light up to illuminate the ceiling and brighten a room. Fabrizio Steel Floor Lamp, \$269, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

Flush-mount ceiling fixture: Illuminate a kitchen or bathroom with overall light. Sienna Flush Mount, \$525, Elte.com



Ambient light

Ambient lighting is an overall bright source used in spaces like workshops or laundry rooms. Every room should have them as they are useful for brightening the entire room for cleaning chores or parties. This type of lighting usually comes in the form of an overhead flush-mount light fixture or a torchiere-style floor lamp that directs light onto the ceiling, reflecting it back into the room.

Deep-fried goodness

Snack. Wild Ramp and Crab-Stuffed Hushpuppies with Green Goddess Dressing are a Southern U.S. fave

Hushpuppies

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. Bring a saucepan of salted water to a boil. Make an ice bath in a bowl with equal parts ice and water. Put the ramps in a strainer and submerge them in the boiling water for 45 seconds. Remove and submerge them in the ice bath until completely cold. Drain and shake off the water, then drain and dry on paper towels.

3. Chop the ramps into pieces.

4. Put self-rising flour, cornmeal, 1 cup all-purpose flour, salt, sugar, white pepper, baking soda, and baking powder in a large bowl and whisk to mix well. Add onion and half of the chopped ramps and mix well. Lightly beat eggs in a bowl, then whisk in milk, buttermilk, and

lard. Stir the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients.

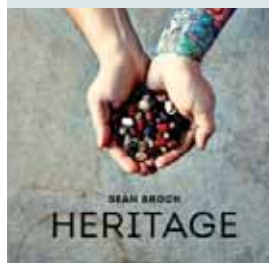
5. Pour the canola oil into a deep fryer or a large pot and heat it to 350 F. While the oil is heating, blend the remaining ramps in a blender on high, adding just enough water to keep them moving, until very smooth, about 4 minutes. Add the purée to the batter. (Because the size and moisture content of the ramps vary, you may need to add all-purpose flour to batter after frying a test hushpuppy.)

6. When oil is hot, dip 1-oz scoop into hot oil to coat it, then fill coop with batter and tap it a time or two to release any air pockets. Hold the scoop 1 inch above the hot oil and carefully drop the batter into the oil. If the batter seems too thin, add more all-purpose flour, whisking until smooth. The desired result is a hushpuppy that is golden brown and crispy on the outside and light as a feather inside. When the batter is correct, carefully fold in the crab.

7. Scoop batter into hot oil, without crowding the hushpuppies, and fry, without touching them, 1 minute. Then

Cookbook of the Week

Southern comfort



Sean Brock is out to preserve the heritage foods of the American south with his aptly titled book, *Heritage*. The offerings include a blend of comfort food and high-end restaurant food (for when you have more time to cook). Specific recipes include Pickled Shrimp, Crispy Pig Ear Lettuce Wraps, Slow-Cooked Pork Shoulder with Tomato Gravy and Sweet Potato Doughnuts. **METRO**

carefully tap the hushpuppies to loosen them if they have stuck to the fryer basket or the bottom of the fryer or pot and



This recipe makes about 32 hushpuppies. PETER FRANK EDWARDS

fry until golden brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer the hushpuppies to one of the prepared baking sheets. Repeat until you've used all the batter. Be sure that the oil returns to 350 F before you put in the next batch.

8. Bake hushpuppies about 4 minutes to ensure they are

cooked through. Drain on paper towels and serve hot, alongside dressing for dipping.

Green Goddess Dressing

1. Combine the mayonnaise, scallions, basil, lemon juice, garlic, anchovies, salt, and white pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Add the

Ingredients

Hushpuppies

- 1/2 lb ramps, cleaned and hairy root ends removed
 - 2 cups self-rising flour
 - 2 cups cornmeal
 - 1 to 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 tsp kosher salt
 - 1 1/2 tsp sugar
 - 1 1/4 tsp white pepper
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons each baking soda, and baking powder
 - 1/4 cup small sweet onion, diced
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1 cup whole milk
 - 1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp buttermilk
 - 1/4 cup lard, melted
 - 8 cups canola oil
 - 1 1/2 cups fresh crabmeat, picked over for shells, cartilage
 - Green Goddess Dressing
- ### Green Goddess Dressing
- 1 cup mayonnaise
 - 1 cup chopped scallions (white and green parts)
 - 1 cup chopped basil
 - 3/4 cup fresh lemon juice
 - 2 tsp chopped garlic
 - 2 oil-packed anchovies
 - 2 tsp kosher salt
 - 1 tsp ground white pepper
 - 1 cup sour cream

sour cream and process just until blended. The dressing will keep in the refrigerator for up to 5 days. **EXCERPTED FROM HERITAGE BY SEAN BROCK (ARTISAN BOOKS). COPYRIGHT © 2014.**

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Flames look for breathing room in playoff race

The Ducks' Corey Perry, left, fends off the Flames' Mason Raymond at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Wednesday night. The Flames entered the game with a record of 36-25-5, good for third place in the Pacific Division. Though the Kings (32-21-13) had just as many points as the Flames (77), the Kings were sitting just outside of the playoff picture in the Western Conference. For the result of Wednesday night's game, go to metronews.ca.

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NBA

Bulls buckle down to end losing streak in Philly

Aaron Brooks scored seven of his season-high 31 points in overtime to help the short-handed Chicago Bulls beat the Philadelphia 76ers 104-95 on Wednesday night.

Pau Gasol had 27 points and 16 rebounds as the Bulls snapped a three-game skid without four regulars and three of their top five scorers.

The Bulls (40-26) now sit a game ahead of the Raptors (38-26) for third place in the Eastern Conference.

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MLB

A-Rod hits his first homer after PED odyssey

Alex Rodriguez hit his first home run since returning to the Yankees following a drug suspension in New York's 10-6 loss to the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Colts go big with receiver signing

Star receiver Andre



Johnson, a two-time All-Pro and seven-time Pro Bowler, joined the Indianapolis Colts two days after being dropped by the Houston Texans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rangers rise to top of Metropolitan Division

NHL. Talbot keeps Caps at bay with 28 saves

Goalie Cam Talbot and the New York Rangers moved atop the Metropolitan Division by beating the Washington Capitals 3-1 Wednesday night, while overcoming Alex Ovechkin's league-leading 45th goal.

Martin St. Louis, Carl Hagelin and J.T. Miller each scored a goal for the Rangers.

Talbot made 28 saves, including one particularly spectacular glove grab of a close-in shot from Nicklas Backstrom

On Wednesday

3

Rangers

1

Capitals

during a scoreless 5-on-3 chance for the Capitals that lasted 78 seconds.

Talbot snatched the puck right at the goal-line. The play was reviewed and the original ruling of no-goal stood.

A night after a 2-1 victory

at the New York Islanders, the Rangers moved a point ahead of their city rivals with exactly a month left in the regular season.

Talbot, getting most of the work in net while Henrik Lundqvist is on injured reserve with a hurt neck, is 4-0-1 in his past five games.

The Rangers were on the second half of a back-to-back during a season-long five-game road trip and the Capitals have been resting since Saturday during a season-long five-game homestand. Still, the visitors looked much more active and fresh.

New York outshot Washington 24-13 through the first two periods, including 12-4 in the second.

Ovechkin now has 21 power-play goals to lead the league and the Russian has four seasons with at least 20. Only one player in NHL history has more — Brett Hull, with five. The Capitals captain also became one of only five players with at least seven seasons of 45 goals or more — and he joins quite a group. The others, according to the Capitals: Wayne Gretzky, Mike Bossy, Mario Lemieux and Marcel Dionne. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Floyd and Manny gear up for big one

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Mayweather vs Pacquiao set to break records and be the richest bout of all time

Manny Pacquiao was out walking the red carpet by the time Floyd Mayweather Jr. arrived, fashionably late for their first appearance together to promote a fight that really needs no promoting.

But it didn't take long Wednesday for Mayweather to put the fight into perspective in a way that only a fighter nicknamed "Money" can.

"You get to this level where you're making nine figures in 36 minutes," Mayweather said, "and you have to be a winner."

Mayweather had the math right, though he declined to say just how much he will make in the May 2 fight that has stirred excitement far be-



Manny Pacquiao speaks at Wednesday's news conference in Los Angeles. GETTY IMAGES

yond the boxing community. He will get 60 per cent of the purse in what is expected to be boxing's richest fight ever, a haul that could exceed \$120 million for Mayweather alone.

Pacquiao won't do badly, either, in a fight that was five years in the making and will break records in another way — it will cost fans more than

any other fight in history to watch both at the MGM Grand arena or in the comfort of their living rooms.

At the only press conference the fighters will do prior to the week of the fight, promoters announced that tickets would range from \$1,500 in the upper reaches of the MGM Garden to \$7,500 at ringside. The pay-per-view price wasn't announced, but is expected to be in the \$90-100 range.

They may have to reach deep into their pockets to afford it, but there's little doubt that boxing fans will buy it. They want to see what Mayweather and Pacquiao say they are eager to show — the two biggest draws in boxing settling things between them once and for all in the ring.

"We don't want to leave a question mark in the minds of fans of boxing," said Pacquiao, from the Philippines. "It's also very important this fight is for the honour of my country."

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Canada pipped in Cyprus Cup

Canada captain Christine Sinclair challenges for the ball with Alex Greenwood of England during the Cyprus Cup final at GSP stadium in Nicosia on Wednesday. Lianne Sanderson's 68th-minute goal lifted England to a 1-0 win, marking the first time the Canadian goal had been breached in four games at the tournament. PETROS KARADJIAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer

10-man PSG end Chelsea's dream of European glory

Thiago Silva sent 10-man Paris Saint-Germain into the Champions League quarter-finals on away goals after a 2-2 draw at Chelsea in extra time of a fiery and ill-disciplined game on Wednesday.

Although PSG had striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic sent off in the 31st minute for a challenge on Oscar, the visitors still provided the greater threat at Stamford Bridge.

Gary Cahill had given Chelsea the lead in the 81st minute — after a 1-1 draw in the first leg — but former Chelsea player David Luiz headed PSG level to send the game into extra time.

Eden Hazard restored Chelsea's lead from a penalty, but Thiago Silva's looping header in the 114th minute allowed PSG to avenge last season's loss to Chelsea in the quarter-finals.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may have to rethink your plans over the next few days as Saturn begins a retrograde phase. Don't give up on them completely though.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Take a look at your financial position and decide what steps need to be taken to improve your long-term security. Your main priority is to cut back on unnecessary expenses.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Know your limits and stay within them. No matter how far or fast you travel it's likely that something will bring you back to earth with a bump.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It seems you've finally realized that you have been wasting a lot of time and energy on something that is not worth the effort. It will fade in importance over the next few days.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Saturn, the great taskmaster of the zodiac, is urging you to be realistic about your aims and modest about your abilities.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

The time has come to admit that a partnership is not working out as well as you expected. It's no big deal, and it is certainly not your fault. Some people you can do business with and some you cannot.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Today, check once, check twice, then check a third time. Whatever you are planning you must make sure you have covered all the angles because a small detail could trip you up.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will get what you deserve to get today, nothing more and nothing less. Now that you know that you won't be inclined to complain if what you get falls short of expectations.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Saturn in your sign warns life is not as straightforward as you seem to think. What happens over the next few days will encourage you to plan ahead.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are convinced that the roof is going to fall in on you. So it will come as a nice surprise today when something wonderful happens instead.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will have to re-think certain ambitions over the next few days. New information will come to light that will make you realize there is more work involved than you imagined.

Pisces

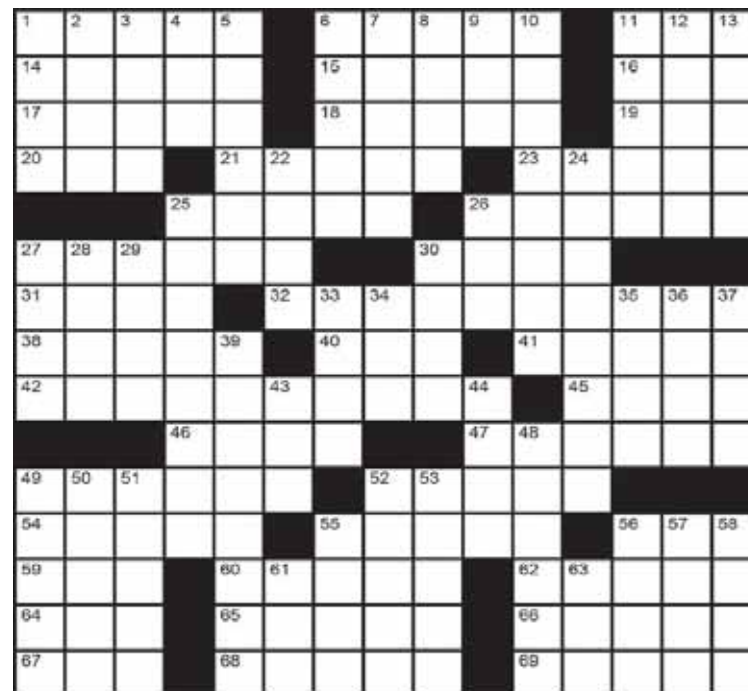
Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't get hung-up on long-term career plans. Yes, you can and must keep moving in your favoured direction but there is no need to be so rigid about it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. "The Brothers ____" (2005)
6. One-____ (Biased)
11. Speed ____
14. Mythological weeper
15. Restaurants: "Can I see ____ please?"
16. "Gimme ____!" (O-T-T-A-W-A cheer-starter)
17. "I now pronounce you..." site
18. Carnivore's dish, ____ lamb
19. Drivel
20. Ms. Leoni
21. Ms. Kudrow's
23. Senses
25. Late night host Mr. O'Brien
26. Truly
27. Tourist attractions
30. Victoria-born artist Emily
31. In this spot
32. Nissan vehicle
38. Susan's "All My Children" role
40. Old Rome's deuce-ace
41. Harry ____ (Sarnia, Ontario born hockey analyst)
42. Canadian fashion brand founded in 2002: 2 wds.
45. Canadian chanteuse Celine
46. Ireland
47. Iago's wife in Shakespearean tragedy Othello



49. Flying flickers
52. Humdinger
54. Llama catcher
55. A famous Canadian Joe
56. "____ and Away" (1992)
59. Fall Boy link (Rock band)
60. Caffeine nuts
62. Royal adornment
64. Beatles: "____"

- Love You"
65. Fennel-like flavour
66. Open the compressed computer file
67. 'Racket' suffix
68. Lion mane parts
69. Positioned oneself to pray

Down

1. Irritating fly
2. Vex
3. Whit
4. Commerce grad's letters
5. Bordeaux grape/wine
6. Spicy sauce
7. "____ business!"
8. Li'l grad-earned thinges

9. Roxy Music's Brian
10. Toronto subway station
11. Suit jacket flap
12. Counting everything: 2 wds.
13. One of Beatrix Potter's rabbits
22. Police dept. rank
24. Canadian singer The Weeknd's current hit tune off the

- 'Fifty Shades of Grey' soundtrack album: 2 wds.
25. Classic game
26. UK military fliers
27. FOX News anchor Mr. Smith, to pals
28. Yesterday: Italian
29. Smile
30. ____ seeds (Health food store purchase)
33. Suffix to 'Billion'
34. ____-for-tat
35. ____ Eireann (Lower House of the Irish legislature)
36. H.G. Wells people
37. Blue Rodeo song
39. Northwestern Ontario town, the 'Canoeing Capital of Canada'
43. MGM's motto, ____ Gratia Artis
44. At hand
48. Whale skin/blubber treat in the Arctic
49. Gradient
50. PVR remote button
51. Active
52. Uninterested
53. Lets up
55. Cut short
56. Unnerve
57. Seed's jacket
58. Transfixed
61. Judi Dench/Cate Blanchett movie, "Notes ____ Scandal" (2006)
63. Stopover accommodation

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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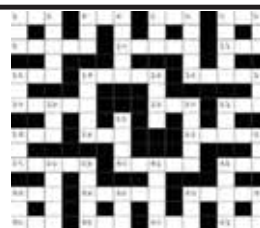
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portant. Once you have done that, you will have a short list of the vehicles you like, and you can arrange to test-drive them later at a dealer.

First, see how easy it is to get in and out. If you are going in the back seat, check to see if the doors open wide enough and that you can reach inside to do up the seatbelts. If you will have elderly passengers,

With so many vehicles under one roof, the Calgary International Auto & Truck Show is a great place to start the shopping process when you are looking for a new vehicle.

You can't test-drive them at the show, but you can check many of the things that are im-

think about how they will get in and out. On some vehicles, the rear seat is positioned farther back, which gives you more leg room, but can make it difficult for those with limited mobility to easily enter the seat, or tilt and telescope the steering wheel. If you can't "find" the right feel, this might not be the vehicle for you.

Get behind the wheel, move the seat, or tilt and telescope the steering wheel. If you can't you take in your car. Is there a place to put your phone, or your bag or briefcase?

Check the controls. You should be able to easily reach everything and they should be easy to use.

See if the car comes with any "must-have" items on your list, such as heated seats, smartphone integration, or a navigation system.

"Think about everything in your car. Is there a place to put your phone, or your bag or briefcase?"



You can't test-drive vehicles at the Calgary International Auto & Truck Show, but you can check many of the things that are important. SHUTTERSTOCK



Check your tire pressure once a month — you will use more fuel even if they are only a few pounds low. PHOTO COURTESY NISSAN

Bettering your fuel economy

If it has been more than a year since you have had a close look at a new car, you may be in for a surprise. Automakers tell you that their high-speed and quick acceleration, reaching 129 km/h, with four hard stops and jack-

No matter what vehicle you buy, whether it's a fuel-sipping hybrid or a full-size work truck, you can always better your fuel economy by improving your driving habits. Accelerate gradually, and when there is traffic or a red light ahead, take your foot off the throttle and coast, rather than jamming on the brakes at the last minute. Look as far ahead as you can when you are driving, slowing down or changing lanes as necessary to drive smoothly and help maintain your momentum.

Extra weight means extra fuel, so clean out your trunk or truck bed of anything you don't need at the moment. Check your tire pressure once a month — you will use more fuel even if they are only a few pounds low. And any time it seems like your vehicle is suddenly much but now there are three new ones. There is a cold-weather test with the lab cooled to -7 C, and one where it's heated to 35 C and the vehicle is tested with the lab cooled to -7 C.

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Tough trucks

- Canadians bought 1.85 million vehicles in 2014, and, of those, more than 333,500 were pickup trucks. The top-selling vehicle in 2014 was the Ford F-150, which outsold the Honda Civic, the top-selling passenger car. By more than 60,000 units, the light truck segment, which also includes SUVs and minivans, accounts for more than 63 per cent of the Canadian new-vehicle market.

choices that include 20- and

22-inch rms.

Nissan presents its all-new 2016 Titan XD, which will hit dealerships later

this year. It will be available with a gasoline V8 and its first-ever gas V6, but the one on display comes with an

all-new Cummins V8 diesel. Generating 555 pound-feet of torque, it will take the Titan XD up to 12,000 pounds towing capacity and 2,000 pounds of payload. Nissan's intent is to give buyers the

capability of a heavy-duty truck, but with pricing that's

closer to light-duty. Ram shows off its Reb-

el, a new off-road package based on the Ram 1500 that features an all-new blacked-

ram name stamped in huge letters across the tailgate.

fers two truck sizes. In addition to the full-size Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra, you can also opt for the mid-size Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon, with their all-new engines, platforms and features. You will also get a look at the new GMC Sierra Carbon Edition, a unique appearance package that adds a black grille, carbon-fiber-look graphics, and wheel

V6 and V8 choices.
General Motors now of-

all-new 2015 F-150, named the Canadian truck of the year last month by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC). Thanks to an all-aluminum body and high-strength steel frame, Ford has topped some 320 kilograms off the F-150's curb weight, which translates into higher towing and payload capacity. There's also an all-new 2.7-liter EcoBoost V6 engine alongside the existing



The Chevrolet Silverado. JIL MCINTOSH PHOTO

the theme continues inside, where the seat inserts match the tread pattern of the 33-inch Toyot tires. That grille and tailgate are also used on the new Ram Laramie Limited, which becomes the lineup's top luxury model. Toyota has its full-size Tundra, and don't miss the luxurious 1794 Edition, named

for the founding date of the home Antonio ranch that's built the truck. You will also get your last official mid-size Tacoma pickup. Later this year, Toyota plans to introduce an all-new version. But not every job requires a truck bed, and manufacturers

ers are introducing a wide variety of work vans, both large and small. Mercedes-Benz's "European-style" work van was the Sprinter, and for 2015, Mercedes-Benz offers a 4x4 version. It's surprisingly off-road capable and is meant for those whose job takes them into rough or muddy

With such a wide variety of truck and van options available today, it's now even easier to find just the right vehicle for the job at hand.

Kam has also added a downsized offering, and along with its full-size ProMaster, you can get the smaller ProMaster City. It's a version of the Fiat Doblo, with a Michigan-built, four-cylinder engine and nine-speed auto-

Nissan offers two versions of its work van — the full-size NV, and the smaller NV200, which, in its passenger version, is the official taxi of New York City. You will also find a version of it at Chevrolet, where it's called the City Express.

Alongside its smaller Transit Connect, Ford offers the winner of the full-size van division by the Canadian Truck King Challenge, and available with gasoline or



The Ford Raptor will be on display at the Calgary International Auto & Truck Show, which runs through to Sunday. PHOTO COURTESY FORD



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The Lamborghini Huracan's top speed is more than 325 km/h (202 mph) and can accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h (62 mph) in 3.2 seconds. PHOTO COURTESY OF LAMBORGHINI

Get your selfie smile ready because there are going to be some cars at the Calgary International Auto & Truck Show that you are just going to have to snap.

Alongside the more mainstream brands, you are also going to find models from such automakers as Aston Martin, Bentley, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Lotus, Maserati, and Rolls-Royce.

We all know them, even if we will never get behind the wheel of them. So what makes a "dream car" and why do they cost so much?

Performance is the key to

much of their prestige and

price. In a word, they are fast.

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you down, their bodies and

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as carbon fibre.

Inside, they are all about

luxury, offering such features

as leather-wrapped dashes,

deep-pile carpets, knurled aluminum dials, and headlines made of Alcantara, a man-made fabric that looks and feels like suede, but weighs only a fraction of the real thing.



The Bentley Continental GT V8 S. CONTRIBUTED



The Ferrari 458 Spider. PHOTO COURTESY OF FERRARI

There are no fast-moving assembly lines or banks of robots at their factories. Almost everything is done by hand. And there's one more factor — exclusivity. While mainstream manufacturers want to sell as many cars as they can, the scarcity of these brands only adds to their appeal. Heads turn when you drive one, and that's just what these automakers want.

Buying a supercar isn't only about how fast you can go or how luxurious it is in the crowd surrounding your car, and you are the one with its key in your pocket, it all comes together.



The Aston Martin Rapide S. PHOTO COURTESY OF ASTON MARTIN



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Built by Karl Benz, this three-wheeled Patent Wagon is generally thought to be the first car. JILL MCINTOSH PHOTO



A Rolls-Royce 1912 Silver Ghost. JILL MCINTOSH PHOTO



A 1914 Audi, a model known as the Alpensteiger. JILL MCINTOSH PHOTO

A look in the rear-view mirror

In the beginning. Auto and truck brands have enjoyed a long and storied history

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Historians generally peg 1885 as the year the automobile was born. From there, auto brands have enjoyed a long and storied history. That first car was a three-wheeled motorized wagon built by Karl Benz in Germany. A year later, Gottlieb Daimler also built a vehicle. Although it's believed they never met, Benz and Daimler's companies eventually merged into Mercedes-Benz. One of Benz's engineers, August Horch, later built a car named for himself. Forced out of his company, he started Horch, later built a car company that turned to making cars in 1928, and its logo today is a stylized airplane propeller. In 1948, an engineer named Ferdinand Porsche would begin making his own

Also in 1903, a former form the GMC truck division. Chevrolet to design a new car, and bought two truck companies, Rapid and Reliant, that he amalgamated to form the GMC truck division. Also in 1903, a former gunsmith named Henry Land built a car he called Cadillac, after the founder of Detroit. He sold it to General Motors and began work on a new model he called Lincoln, which eventually went to Ford. Meanwhile, engineer was making a name for himself by bringing struggling automakers back to profitability. He did so with a company called Maxwell, which he then used to build his own car in 1924. He later bought Dodge, founded by brothers John and Horace Dodge, who originally built their first factory to make parts for Ford.

For more, see page A55



Henry Ford with his first car and his company's 10 millionth one. PHOTO COURTESY FORD

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The Calgary International Auto & Truck Show naturally has a focus on new vehicles, but that's just the beginning. The Calgary Motor Dealers Association (CMDA) puts a premium on public service and charity, which is evident at the event. Look for the Man Van, operated by the Prostate Cancer Centre and sponsored by Jack Carter Chevrolet. Men 40 and older can come into this 25-foot motorhome and relax on a comfy leather chair in front of a flat-screen TV while getting a free, on-the-spot PSA baseline blood test. If you are always too busy to make a date with your doctor, don't miss this opportunity. One in every seven men in Alberta will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetimes, and the PSA test is designed for early detection. The Man Van will be on-site during the entire show. It's open from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on weekdays, and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2-5 p.m. On the night before the show, the CMDA also presents the Vehicles and Violins Gala, an exclusive preview that includes musicians from the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, live and silent auctions, and international cuisine. This marks the 16th annual gala, and, as always, all proceeds go to Calgary charities. Over the last 15 years, CMDA has surpassed \$2.9 million in donations through the event supports Fresh Start Recovery Centre, Kids Help Phone, and Make A Wish.

The not-for-profit CMDA also supports other charities and initiatives raised through the auto and truck show, including automotive programs and building funds at SALT Polytechnic. Students in the automotive management, technology, and apprenticeship programs will be assisting CMDA throughout the show.



The Calgary International Auto & Truck Show features one of the largest displays of new vehicles in Western Canada. The show runs through to Sunday at the BMO Centre at Stampede Park. CONTRIBUTED

A chance to kick the tires

Check out the hottest new models at the annual Calgary International Auto & Truck Show



Exotic cars are a big draw at the annual Calgary International Auto & Truck Show. CONTRIBUTED

One of the largest displays of new vehicles in Western Canada, the 2015 Calgary International Auto & Truck Show is a must-see, whether you are in the market for new wheels or just like to check everything out. More than 30 auto brands are on display, showing everything from "just the basics" to dream machines from the likes of Ferrari and Lamborghini. The show opened Wednesday and runs through to Sunday at BMO Stampede Park and is presented by the Calgary Motor Dealers Association (CMDA), a not-for-profit organization that represents 77 franchised new-vehicle dealers in Calgary. In addition to an up-close and personal look at some of the hottest new models on the market, the show features concept cars, a display of trucks and vans, and vendors offering a wide range of food, accessories, and services. If you are looking at buying a new vehicle, this is a great opportunity to start your shopping. You can't actually test-drive anything, but with so many models available under one roof, you can compare options and

For a spin at the dealership. Visit the show's website at AutoshowCalgary.com before you go to buy your ticket. In advance, print a floor plan to help you find everything, or download a smart-phone app that will keep you up-to-date with news, videos, and a schedule to help plan your visit.

The CMDA also supports auto apprenticeship training programs. Kids Start Recovery Centre, Kids Help Phone, and Make A Wish. The CMDA also supports numerous charitable groups through the show, its activities, and the Vehicles and Violins Gala that it holds for its members on the night prior to the show. This year, the proceeds from the gala will benefit the Fresh Start Recovery Centre, Kids Help Phone, and Make A Wish.

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